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Officers of CLC Are Re-Elected For Three-Year Term

Clerks at the Montgomery Ward Retail Department Store Joining Union

REPORT
To Our Readers - Owners

STOPPED BEATING HER?

The well known question, "When did you stop beating your wife?" takes many forms. But the idea is always the same, to catch you off guard and implicate you in tanglefoot.

The thing jumped out of the phone at the present writer the other day and a pleasant feminine voice said:

"I'm with the People's World, and we'd like to ask your opinion on the declaration of war about Formosa."

Then in two of the dailies about that same time this question was proposed in a letter by Malcolm M. Champlin of Oakland, State Commander, American Legion:

"Are we in America so palsied with fear that we let our boys rot in Communist jails?"

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THE REPLY

Our reply to the Communist reporter was:

"It's really more complicated than the way you put the question."

It State Commander Champlin should put his question in person, we'd give him exactly the same answer.

Incidentally, as a charter member of the Husbands' League, if asked the straight question about beating his wife, the answer would doubtless still be the same.

Fact is, most problems are more complicated than most questions raised about them.

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SUPER-SIMPLE

It's not surprising, though, that a Legioner and a Communist agree on one thing—to raise super-simple questions about very complicated matters. Both Pro-Russianism and pro-Americanism of the horn-blowing drum-beating type tend to over-simplify.

Our answer stands. It's really more complicated than the way either one of them put the question.

Meeting Seeks End of Eden Hospital Dispute

Frank Brantley, Engineers 39, was credited at the Central Labor Council Monday evening for his work in arranging a meeting shortly with the Board of Trustees of Eden Township Hospital for the purpose of discussing ways and means to end the present labor dispute there.

Office Employees 29 and the CLC have had pickets patrolling the hospital entrance since the public institution opened a few months ago.

Miller Backs Bill to Aid Korean Veterans

U. S. Congressman George P. Miller announced this week his firm support for H. R. 587, a bill aimed at re-establishing the educational benefits of the Korean G. I. Bill of Rights for men now in the armed services.

The bill, introduced by Congressman Oliver E. Teague of Texas, if adopted, would lay aside a portion of the recent presidential proclamation terminating the Korean emergency as of January 31, 1955, which, among other things, ended the accrual of educational benefits to men in uniform as of that date.

Scab Roof on Gompers School Is Ripped Off

The spirit of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, who died in 1924, can rest easy. The roof placed on a new high school in San Diego, named for the famed AFL leader, by non-union hands has been ordered ripped off and replaced by one put down by organized labor.—San Diego Labor Leader.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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'Labor School Day' Weighed At BTC Meet

Building Trades Council delegates showed considerable interest this week in a suggestion for an extensive labor education campaign among local high school students and teachers.

Though the council made no definite committment, it did indicate that it would explore the subject thoroughly and study the possibilities for conducting such a campaign in the near future.

Tony Sanzo, Glaziers 169, started the ball rolling by proposing that the local AFL councils sponsor a Labor Education Day similar to the Business Education Day sponsored several months ago by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. At that time, the Oakland Chamber paid all the expenses of city school teachers who accepted an invitation to spend a day visiting local industrial plants.

Sanzo's idea was to invite teachers and high school students to attend council and labor union meetings.

Although Sanzo's suggestion was warmly accepted by the council, other delegates offered additional means for spreading labor's viewpoint among students, teachers and the public in general.

One delegate offered the idea for a forum program between labor representatives and high school students on the new educational television station KQED on Channel 9.

Another suggested the widespread use of movie films showing how union meetings are conducted.

None of the ideas suggested was turned down by the delegates. But it took a pertinent story told by Secretary John Davy to point up the obvious importance of a labor sponsored education program among high school students especially.

Davy related how he and another labor official once conducted a group of local high school students through the AFL Labor Temple a few years ago.

"We had just completed a tour of the various union offices in the Temple," said Davy, "when one sweet-looking 17-year-old girl turned to us and asked, 'What do unions do when they're not on strike?'".

SAFETY CONFERENCE

Business Representative J. L. Childers, who attended the third annual Eastbay Public Safety Congress at the University of California last Friday, reported to the council that he believed he had effectively driven home two important points at the conference.

The two points, according to Childers, were 1.) the need for more State safety inspectors, and 2.) the stringent enforcement of present safety rules against employers who are negligent in providing safe equipment on the job.

HEART ASSOCIATION

The council voted to continue membership as an active sponsor in the Alameda County Heart Association in that organization's fight against heart disease.

NEW DELEGATE

Clifford E. Staff was seated as a council delegate from Plasterers 112 replacing C. A. Anderson.

IAM Tool Makers To Honor Cartmell

Walter W. Cartmell, the first business agent for IAM Tool & Die Makers Lodge 1176, now retired, will be honored by a union - sponsored testimonial dinner at the Leamington Hotel tomorrow night (Saturday).

Cartmell joined with other old-timers back in the twenties to form the Toolmakers Educational Club and then he helped to keep it going until Lodge 1176 was chartered in January 1937. He retired from office in 1946.

Others to be honored with Cartmell at the banquet include charter members, veterans with 15, 125, 35 and 45 years of IAM membership, and members completing their apprenticeship training in January.

Unionize Capwell Before Buildings Start, Is Project

A committee from the Central Labor Council will confer with the Building Trades Council's Board of Business Agents as a result of the announcement that the H. C. Capwell Company plans to construct a $6 million store in the Hayward area.

The proposal to be discussed is to see to it that this big project and others like it, such as the Swig project, are unionized from the start and right on through to the organizing of the clerks in the proposed stores.

Old buildings will have to be torn down to make room for the new project, and only union men should work on the job of tearing them down.

ALL THE WAY!

Fine new buildings will be constructed, and only union craftsmen should put up those buildings.

When the stores and other business establishments are completed, only union clerks, maintenance people, and other workers, should be in those stores and business places to serve the customers, the large majority of whom in that area are union people.

And from start to finish, only union Teamsters should haul materials or goods.

It is urgent that arrangements be made at once to establish complete cooperation between all union groups, as the Capwell-Emporium merchandising outfit is one of the toughest opponents of organized labor in the Bay Area.

If labor waits until the buildings are completed, and even if labor doesn't move fast before the tearing down of old buildings is started, the Capwell-Emporium crowd of labor-haters will prove to be a spearhead to make the whole southern end of the county a non-union enterprise.

Such were the points in favor of his motion on the subject, which was unanimously adopted by the council, made by Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36.

SANDER'S POINT

Pat Sander, speaking for the motion, pointed out that his union, Cooks 228, had followed exactly this policy for years.

"When we learn from a business extension news service that a restaurant or bar or other eating place is going to be put up," said Sander, "we don't sit around and wait until the place is open for business. We go right around NOW and see to it that the place is going to be strictly union when it opens up."

During the discussion the point was made that downtown Oakland is being deserted by many business places which are moving to the southern end of the county, said to be the most rapidly growing part of the United States; and that if action isn't taken on organizing the southern end of the county, the unions will be left sitting in downtown Oakland nursing a dead baby.

Also the delegates were reminded that Eden Township Hospital, for the establishing of which organized labor was largely responsible, got into the hands of anti-union elements when it began receiving patients, and now has been picketed for weeks by Office Employees 29 and the Central Labor Council.

Dunn Will Receive Educators' Award

A special award will be presented to Supervisor Francis Dunn Jr. in recognition of his contributions to public education, at the Alameda County Educational Association's annual luncheon at Hotel Leamington February 19.

During his 12 years as a member of the Legislature Dunn became known throughout the State for his persistent work in the interest of the school system.

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL has approved a $1 pay raise for inspectors on election boards for the April 5 municipal election. The raise brings the inspectors pay to $11.

Here Are Officers Re-elected by CLC To New 3-Yr. Term

Officers of the Central Labor Council, reelected this week without opposition by the casting of the traditional white ballot, and to hold office for the 3-year term recently written into the council constitution by referendum vote of affiliated unions, are as follows:

President — John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52

First Vice President — Edna Lallement, Building Service Employees 18

Second Vice President — Ed M. Ross, Oakland Federation of Teachers

Corresponding and Recording Secretary — Robert S. Ash, Food Clerks 870

Assistant Corresponding and Recording Secretary — William P. Fee, Milk Drivers 302

Secretary-Treasurer — H. J. Badger, Cooks 228

Sergeant-at-Arms — Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2

Fraternal Delegate to Building Trades Council — T. J. Roberts, Engineers 39 (1-year term)

Delegates to State Federation Convention — Robert S. Ash, Joe W. Chaudet (1-year term).

Trustees:

3-year term, Jack Faber, Cooks 228

2-year term, Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870

1-year term, W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service 18

The trustees' terms of varying length are due to the new clauses in the constitution. Next year the 1-year term will be open for election for a full 3-year term, the next year the 2-year trusteeship will be, and after that each year one 3-year term trusteeship will be up for election each year.

Paint Makers Ask: Arbitrate? Strike?

Jack Kopke, representative, Paint Makers 1101, has notified United Employers that the union wishes to submit to arbitration the issues with the paint manufacturers which have been under discussion for two months past the contract expiration date.

In the event the employers refuse to arbitrate the union membership at a meeting with over two-thirds of all members present voted to strike. A strike strategy committee has been selected.

Kopke says that the union has tried in every way to settle peaceably, even to calling in a Federal mediator; that the members here got no wage increase last year although other paint makers up and down the coast did. Kopke's letter to Ed Woodside, United Employers' manager, follows

Paint Makers' Union No. 1101's membership heard the report of the Union's negotiating committee in a special meeting. Jan. 31, 1955.

The several disputed issues between the Union and the employers were considered.

In view of the apparently unwavering position of the various parties to this dispute the Union membership voted to submit the issues to arbitration.

Will the employers agree to arbitration?

Please answer at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,
PAINT MAKERS UNION
No. 1101
Jack Kopke, Representative

Bakery Workers Meet In Sacramento Feb. 11

Delegates to the Western Conference of Bakery and Confectionery Workers will converge on the Hotel Clunie in Sacramento next Friday, February 11, to attend a 3-day conference devoted to a discussion of union health and welfare problems and other business pertaining to the affiliated Locals.

International President James G. Cross will be the featured guest speaker at the conference, the first one held by the labor organization in three years.

The western conference represents about 14,000 AFL unionists in Locals located in Arizona, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

20 Remain In The Race For Executive Bd.

All officers of the Central Labor Council were declared reelected this week for the new three-year term which recently was written into the constitution by referendum vote of affiliated unions.

The mass reelection was affected by the casting of a white ballot, since neither at the preceding meeting nor at the second nomination meeting this week were any opposing candidates nominated.

CLC VOTES IN HALL M!

The Central Labor Council election Monday, February 7, will be held on third floor of Labor Temple, Hall M, NOT in the usual meeting place.

At next week's meeting, Monday, February 7, the election of the Executive Committee, the Law & Legislative Committee, and the Investigating Committee will be held, contests having developed for places on all these committees, which will continue to have one-year terms.

The election will be held in the large Hall M on the third floor as the number coming in to vote will be larger than could be handled in a smaller hall.

At the meeting this week there were two new nominations for the 5-man Law & Legislative Committee, increasing the number of nominees to 7. The new nominees were W. A. Spooner, Culinary 31, an incumbent, and Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101. The list to be voted on is accordingly as follows:

LAW & LEGISLATIVE (5 places):

Robert S. Ash, incumbent, CLC secretary
H. J. Badger, (inc.) Cooks 228
Les Benham, (inc.) Bakery Drivers 432
Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101
Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36
Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302
W. A. Spooner, Culinary 31

INVESTIGATING (5 places) No new nominees were put in this week, but the preceding week the following 7 had been nominated:

Floyd Attaway, (inc.) Bartenders & Culinary 823
A. J. Hayes, Automotive Machinists 1546
Joseph Hightower, (inc.) Carpenters 36
E. F. McNamara, (inc.) Fire Fighters 55
James Murphy, (inc.) Bartenders 52
Duncan Ross, Mailers 18
Herbert H. Sims, Engineers 39

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (15 places) Twenty-one nominations had been made at the preceding meeting; at this week's meeting Harry Duggan, Bakers 119-C, withdrew, as did Ed Merritt, Automotive Machinists 1546; and Dick Groulx, Office Employees 29, was nominated, so the list of 20 to be voted on next week stands as follows

Les Benham, (inc.) Bakery Drivers 432
Al Brown, (inc.) Milk Drivers 302

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'AN AWARD'

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January 5, 1955

Mr. Louis Burgess, Editor
East Bay Labor Journal
1105 Franklin Street
Oakland, Californa

Dear Lou:

Each year a number of awards are made for so-called outstanding achievements in labor journalism—the ILPA awards, the Eastern Labor Press Conference awards, the Sidney Hillman awards. We can recall none ever having been made to the East Bay Labor Journal. So we, a jury of four labor press observers, have decided to bestow our own special, private award on East Bay Labor Journal as Labor Paper of the Year (any year).

No fancy plaque accompanies this award. No scroll. No badge. No banquet. Just the assurance that each perceptive, courageous editorial, each deeply informative news story you publish gets close attention from the four of us here clear across the land.

Close to a hundred labor publications come into our office. None of them can match East Bay Labor Journal in truthfulness and forthrightness of reporting and editing. We feel sure you will remain at the head of the class for many years to come.

Fraternally yours,

Russell Allen, Education Director
Jim Russell, Publications Editor
Frank Honigsbaum, Research Director
Dick Logan, Research & Education Ass't

AFL PAPER MAKERS

The above letter was read aloud at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council by Secretary Robert S. Ash. The editor of East Bay Labor Journal has never met any of the four persons whose names are subscribed to this award, but naturally now feels they're his very good friends!

State Carpenters Convene March 2nd

Representatives of more than 150,000 members of the various woodworking branches of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America will gather in Riverside, the first week in March for the 27th annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters.

The official call for the Convention, expected to be one of the largest in the history of the organization, was issued this week by Joseph F. Cambiano, San Mateo, veteran president, and E. T. Aronson, secretary, San Francisco.

The convention will be called to order by President Cambiano at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 2, in the Mission Inn, 3649 Seventh Street, where official headquarters of the Convention will be located, and will last into Saturday.

This is a new practice approved by the Convention last year, meetings having heretofore started Thursday or Friday and lasting into Sunday. The change was made to give delegates traveling long distances an opportunity to get home in time to get to work Monday.

Laundry Workers Vote Strike; Win Pay Hike

Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2, informed the Central Labor Council this week that shortly after the 5 to 1 strike vote recently taken by the union membership, the employers made a 2-step, 5 cents hourly wage offer which the union accepted.

According to Maney, 3 cents of the wage boost goes into effect immediately; the other 2 cents becomes effective in December.

Tool Makers 1176 Install Officers

Installation of newly elected officers and representatives of IAM Tool & Die Makers 1176 was conducted here on January 14. Those installed were Henry Billings, president; Laurel Loos, vice-president; Packey Bracken, recording secretary; Eugene Silveria, financial secretary; Elmo Elliott, treasurer; Marcel Zannoni, conductor; Adam Weaver, sentinel; Joseph Eger, trustee (3-yrs.); Frank Peterson, trustee (1-yr.); and Charles C. Dotson, business representative.

Executive Board members: Marcus Billings, Calvin J. Brinar, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas W. Davis, Charles D. Douglass, Harold C. Johnson, Alex De Knoop, Robert Purdy and Henry Ragno.

District Lodge 115 delegates: Marcus Billings, Packey Bracken and Joseph Eger.

Law and Legislative Committee: Eugene Silveria and Roy I. Tipton.

Dairy Industry Does It Again for Crusade

Raymond R. Colliver, AFL Community Services Director, pointed with pride in the February issue of his "Report to Labor" to the achievement of the local dairy industry which again this year "has come through with flying colors on behalf of the United Crusade and its member agencies."

An "E" for effort went to Larry Maes, assistant manager of the Alameda County Milk Dealers Association; Jeffery Cohelan, secretary of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, and the many rank and file members who did the actual solicitation on behalf of United Crusade, wrote Colliver.

Store Union's Signup Drive In High Gear

Organizing of the Montgomery Ward retail department store at 29th avenue and East 14th street by Department & Specialty Store Employees Local 1265 went into high gear this week.

Five organizers were at work, and Russ Mathiesen, secretary of the union, announced that Monday morning, February 7, a temporary branch office of the union wil be opened near the store.

The branch office will be just two short blocks ffom the store, in the Fruitvale Professional Building 3124 East 14th Street, room 312. The telephone number will be announced later. Meanwhile, the telephone at the union's main headquarters, 1444 Webster street, is available for anyone wishing to get in touch with the union.

The telephone number at the main union headquarters is TE 2-3823.

The branch office in the Fruitvale Professional Building will keep regular office hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and anyone wishing to see representatives of the union there is welcome to come in at any time during those hours.

Mathiesen said that in the course of the organizing work that has already been done it was found that a considerable portion of the employees of the Montgomery Ward retail department store get only $1 an hour.

Since they work a 40-hour week, this means that they get only $40 a week.

"People in unionized stores doing the same work as those now getting $40 at the Montgomery Ward retail store get $50 a week and over," said Mathiesen.

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Clerk Contracts Signed At Three Stores With Department Store Union

Russ Mathiesen, secretary of Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265, announced the signing here of three local firms to union contracts. The firms include Loviers Appliance Stores at Fruitvale Avenue and East 14th Street, and 1334 East 14th Street, San Leandro; Goodwin's Appliance Store, 3340 Telegraph; and American Furniture, 96 12th Street.

Mathiesen urged local labor people to add the above named union stores to the large group of union stores listed by Local 1265 in an advertisement which appeared in the December 3, 1954 edition of East Bay Labor Journal. He added that he hoped the good union readers of this paper have clipped and saved that advertisement for use when they wished to purchase goods from union stores in this area.

Teamos' Hank White

In reporting the official swearing-in ceremony of Teamsters 70 officers in a recent issue, East Bay Labor Journal inadvertently omitted mention of Dispatcher Hank White.

In '54, Demos Had the Votes But GOP Had the Gerrymanders

The final returns from the elections of last November show that what was supposedly a slight Democratic gain in strength turns out to have been the heaviest popular vote for Democratic candidates in any of the last 10 national elections, except for 1940 and 1948.

But due to the fact that so many State Legislatures are controlled by the Republicans, there is a growing gap between the number of popular votes cast for Democratic Party Congressional candidates and the number of seats won by the Democratic Party in the House. This is because the Republican Legislatures gerrymander the Congressional Districts favorably for their own party.

The above conclusions are drawn by Gus Tyler, political director of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, after a study of the final returns from the Congressional elections, and reported by him in the New Republic.

In California last November the popular vote in the Congressional elections went to the Democrats by a majority of 51.5%; this is a gain of 5.5% over the vote cast by the Democrats in the California Congressional elections in 1952.

Tyler's table shows that the greatest gains in the popular vote for the Democrats were NOT made in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri where the party won two or three new seats. The greatest gains were made in Maine, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Montana, New Hampshire, Vermont (where no new seats were won), and in Wisconsin, where one seat was won.

In the country as a whole, in the November 1954 Congressional elections, the Democrats polled 52.6% of the votes cast.

Tyler insists that "the Democrats can win the Presidency in '56 with the same proportion of the popular vote they polled in '54 . . . as in 1954 the States that went Democratic in the Congressional contests would give the Democrats 315 electoral votes as against the Republicans' 216 electoral votes."

So far as the Congressional contests are concerned, the AFL man shows what happened in California:

"In 1948 the Democratic candidates for Congress in California polled 40.6% of the popular vote; in 1954, the Democratic candidates in California polled 51.5% of the vote—a clear majority that might give the Democrats as much as 52 or 55 percent of the Congressional delegation. In fact, however, the Democrats won 43.5% of the delegation (with 40.6% of the popular vote) and in 1954 the Democrats got only 36.7% of the delegation — though they had a clear majority of the votes."

What happened between the two elections to load the dice in favor of the Republicans, so that with a smaller percentage of the popular vote they could get a larger percentage of the Congressmen?

The AFL man says that "the answer is simple: after 1950, the California State Legislature, in Republican hands, redistricted the State. The 1954 result—showing the Democrats with more than half the vote and about one-third the seats — is just a neat piece of geographical carving."

HOW TO BUY

Income Tax Tips

By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Especially this year, moderate-income families should not automatically send in the short-form income-tax return which provides a ten percent allowance for deductions, or even take a ten percent allowance on the long form without at least experimenting to see if deductions might not add up to more than ten percent if itemized on page 3 of the long form. This year new deductions are permitted. They may very well raise your total to more than ten percent of your gross taxable income even though in past years you found it more profitable to take the blanket ten percent allowance.

For example, you can now deduct a little more for medical expenses. There is also a more liberal rule allowing you to deduct carrying charges on installment purchases of furniture, cars, other goods. Too, the new child-care deduction permits working wives, widows and widowers to deduct up to $600 a year for the care of children.

Retired people 65 or older, or reitred public workers even if not 65, should especially beware using the short form. It does not alow the new retirement income credit provided for on page 4 of the long form.

One of the most persistent tax questions troubling working families is the deductibility of work clothes. D. E., La Crescenta, Calif., writes: "May I have your opinion on deducting the cost of ordinary shop work clothes, including aprons, caps and shoes? I presume safety-toe shoes would qualify under safety equipment. It must surely be recognized that clothes worn to work will wear out much sooner than otherwise."

We couldn't agree more. Unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service continues to insist that only distinctive work uniforms and garments which cannot ordinarily be worn away from work, are deductible. This is a hard attitude, since work clothes do wear out sooner as Mr. D. E. points out, and since business and professional persons are permitted to deduct any and all expenses involved in earning income including such dubious ones as country club, vacation lodge, yacht and similar "business entertainment" expenses.

In fact, sometimes the courts have permitted work-clothes deductions the revenue service did not want to allow.

As the rules now stand, work clothes must be both distinctive and required on your job. Thus ordinary dungarees are not deductible, even if they get harder than usual use, although some tax examiners are more tolerant about allowing a modest deduction for them than are others. On the basis of various court and Revenue Service rulings, you can thus deduct special clothing such as shop aprons (even though the revenue service could argue that they can be used for washing dishes at home); white coats and special uniforms bearing the company's name such as is worn by some workers; distinctive uniforms worn by transportation workers, guards, etc., work slacks worn by women factory workers and of course, any special safety clothing, including steel-toe shoes, safety gloves, boots and goggles, rubber aprons, helmets, etc. You can also deduct the cost of any uniform insignia for ordinary work clothing. Also, if the cost of the item is deductible, so is its upkeep, as for repairs and laundering.

Household Hints

Clothes Care

If your little girl is as old as eight and has been watching her dolls' clothes for several years, now's a good time to begin making the switch from play to practical. Her good grooming and prettiness later will depend to a great extent on her ease in caring for her own clothes.

Give her a "personal" supply of soap, perhaps kept in a special plastic container that's just for her. She'll find it's easy and fun to do her own undies, and by the time she really needs to be responsible for clothing care, the routine will be taken for granted.

The proper way to wash plastic handbags and shoes is to use "dry" soapsuds. Whip up a lot of soap with very little water until the suds stand up stiff. Then daub some on a clean cloth or sponge, and go over the soiled surface. Wipe quickly with a damp-dry rinse cloth, then with a dry cloth. Wash off the slightest smudge as soon as it appears and these summer accessories will always be clean.

Child-Rearing

When to Help

Expecting too little of a child can sometimes be as harmful in its own way as expecting too much of him, Dr. Frederick H. Allen, director of the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic, says.

"Pushing" a child to achieve or behave beyond his ability can cause difficulties of many kinds," Dr. Allen declared. However, he added, adults who go to the other extreme and expect almost nothing of children rob them of a challenge that is vital to wholesome growth.

It is difficult, Dr. Allen pointed out, for parents and teachers to know when to offer help or comfort and when to stand aside and insist that the child go ahead on his own.

Often a child gains a real feeling of strength, Dr. Allen said, when his parents show him clearly that they believe he can meet a dificult situation alone and insist that he do so.

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Emeryville, School Tax Cut Citadel, To Advise Oakland

Wayne D. Dukette, past president of the Emeryville Industries Association, and branch plant manager of Joseph T. Ryerson & Sons, Inc., has been appointed chairman of the Education Committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

The appointment was made by Kendrick B. Morrish, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ryerson steel plant which Dukette manages is in Emeryville, but he resides in Oakland.

East Bay Labor Journal telephoned the Chamber of Commerce to ask whether organized labor and smaller taxpayers in general could be expected to view with equanimity the appointment of a man high in Emeryville industrial circles to the chairmanship of the Chamber's Education Committee.

"I beg your pardon, but I fail to see the point of your question," was the Chamber spokesman's polite reply.

"But," replied the labor man, "Emeryville industries are notorious all over the State for having isolated themselves from the danger of having to pay substantial school taxes. The big industries of Emeryville flourish within an incorporated area which has very few residents, and the working people have to pay much heavier school taxes wherever they happen to find a place to live, than they would have to pay if the Emeryville industries were included in the school tax base."

"Mr. Dukette," replied the Chamber spokesman, "is capable, I am sure, of completely dissociating himself from the Emeryville situation while functioning as chairman of our Education Committee."

"Glad there is so much innocent faith in human nature in the Chamber of Commerce," was the labor man's reply. "We'll be interested to see what he does in the coming Oakland school bond election."

"I must confess," said the courteous Chamber spokesman, "I perceive no valid connection between Mr. Dukette's Emeryville position and the Oakland school bond issue. The Emeryville matter is purely coincidental. Your assumptions, I fear, are far fetched."

(Editor's Note: An editorial entitled "Oakland Schools Need Money, Board's Labor Member Says," which incidentally discusses the school situation in Emeryville, will be found on page 4.)

Ike Prods Knight On Pay to Jobless

President Eisenhower's Economic Report, sent to Congress January 20, had the following to say about unemployment insurance benefits:

"From the standpoint of the unemployed worker, weekly benefits should be sufficiently high to provide the basic necessities.

"From the standpoint of the economy, benefits should be sufficient to enable the unemployed to maintain a substantial part of their customary expenditures, thereby minimizing the spread of unemployment.

"The general level of benefits is now too low for either of these purposes.

"It is highly desirable that the States change their laws so that the great majority of covered workers will be eligible for payments that at least equal half their earnings."

The maximum weekly benefit for the unemployment in California is $30. Governor Knight has made no recommendation for an increase in such benefits.

WILLIAM T. ELIAS, a member of Stove Mounters 61, passed away in San Jose on January 30 leaving his mother, Mrs. Rose Elias; daughters, Claudette and Mrs. Joanne Sites; a brother John; and sisters, Mrs. Anna Boyle and Mrs. Mildred Ladewig.

LABOR FORCE in California numbered 5,235.000 in December compared with 5,159,000 in November and 5,203,000 in December 1953.

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FROM THE EDITOR
To The Ladies:

MONTGOMERY WARD HEIR Gordon Thorne, 20, was found dead in his apartment last June, and the coronor's inquest brought out many strange things about the life the young man had been living.

Testimony of his mother in court the other day in a battle over the lad's estate made it pretty plain that the poor boy never had a chance to grow up into a disciplined responsible individual.

Mommy Dear told the court that when the poor little helpless rich boy was 7 years old she gave him an army jeep, a $5000 electric train, a $3500 motorboat, 2 motor scooters at $250 apiece, guns worth $700, a $250 horse, and a St. Bernard dog which ate 20 pounds of meat daily.

MOTHERS don't need that much money, however, to make fools of their kids. Many a mother has spoiled her kid to death on a very small income. All that's needed is a little laziness which pretends to itself that it's rich rare mother love: don't take the trouble to do what's good for the kid, just do what the kid says; a little laziness of this sort, and first thing you know, you've succeeded in raising a little monster.

You can do it faster, however, if you've got all that money you wish you had so you could give the kid "all the things his parents never had." Mommy Dear had the dough as well as the ingenuity, so she did a fine job on her boy.

AVERILL HARRIMAN'S mother must have had different ideas. He's worked like a Trojan all his life, and now he's toiling hard as Governor of New York.

U. C. Extension Offers World Politics Course

University Extension of the University of California at Berkeley announced this week that it is offering a series of adult discussion groups on World Politics in several Northern California communities starting late this month and early in March.

Object of the course, which will run for 10 weeks (2 hours each session), is to help citizens think more soundly on basic issues of public policy.

Registration fees are $12 for individuals and $18 for married couples.

Those interested in further details on the course are urged to write to the World Politics Program, University Extension, University of California, Berkeley 4, or call ASberry 3-6000, Extension 8221.

Long KEAR Strike End in Victory

The 120-day strike of AFL Radio Artists and CIO Broadcast Technicians against radio station KEAR was settled this week, the company finally agreeing to standard contract provisions in force on Bay Area station of comparable size.

Charlotte Cohelan, secretary of the AFL local, is being congratulated on the successful outcome of the long struggle, during which the company bitterly attacked the union on the air and in the courts.

ROBERT F. CHAPMAN, a member of Structural Shopmen 491, passed away at a local hospital on January 30. He was 63. Survivors include his sisters, Mrs. Fred Taylor and Mrs. Delbert Hopkins; and a brother, John.



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Ike P. O. Pay Plan Not Honest: Clerks

The 9-man executive board of California Federation of Post Office Clerks, meeting at Fresno, voted to support a 10% pay hike for postal employees retroactive to August 23, 1954."

"We feel," Board President Bob Sanders said, "that the President is not being honest with the American people by tying our pay raise to a boost in postal rates.

"We know of no other department where the employes' salaries have in any way been related to the income of that department."

Unions Urged to Sign Pacts With AFL Agents

W. J. Foley, Insurance Salesmen 129, expressed to the Central Labor Council this week his belief that labor unions should cooperate with each other, particularly in making sure that any group insurance plans they sign be signed with union insurance agents.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED OLIVEIRA, (he's a member of Retail Clerks 870), welcomed a baby daughter named Mary Ann into the family on January 3 in Hayward. Mary Ann weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 ozs. The proud daddy works for the PX Markets in San Lorenzo.

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There's lots of variety in venetian blinds these days. You can usually find just the hue to match or harmonize with colors in your decorating scheme. Blinds may be made of either painted wood, steel, aluminum or plastic slats held together with tape. The baked-on finish of the metal slats doesn't chip, crack or rust, the specialists said.

According to specialists, aluminum and plastic slats have the advantage of being very light in weight. Newest tapes are of plastic—colorfast to sunlight and easy to clean. Cloth tapes also come in many colors.

Bamboo blinds made of natural, dyed or painted bamboo, or reed slats come in many colors and weights. Some can be installed to roll up or down on spring rollers or to pull vertically like draw draperies. They do a fine job of softening and filtering the light, declared the specialists, but most types do not give complete privacy.

News About Women

Saleswomen!

In London, England, the British salesmen's union suddenly found itself invaded by glamor girls. The invasion started when a vacuum cleaner manufacturer was told by an employment agency that chorus girls were the largest group out of work.

On impulse, the manufacturer hired 12 of the girls, and sent them out on selling jobs all over England and Scotland.

One girl sold 93 machines in 10 days instead of the average 12 a week.

Other companies picked up the idea, and so many girls came into the union that officials feared if the trend continued they'd have to change the name from salesmen's union to saleswomen's union.—Les Finnegan in Labor's Daily.

Hardy Clips Rumors; Hacienda Motel Unfair

Contrary to rumors that have been circulating recently, the Hacienda Motel in Fresno has **NOT** settled its dispute with Building Service Employees Local 110, it was announced this week by George Hardy, secretary-treasurer of the California State Council of Building Service Employees.

He reiterated a former statement that all members of organized labor should refuse to patronize the motel unless and until the motel's management has settled its dispute with the union.

Hopes for Coordinated Battle on Slums Seen

Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council secretary, reported this week that progress is being made here on the local slum clearance program and that it looks as though labor, business, and the Oakland city administration may get things worked out.

Haggerty Checking 5700 Bills; AFL's Proposals Listed

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, State Federation of Labor, announces that 5700 bills introduced in both houses before the Legislature recessed until February 28, are being analyzed.

Haggerty states that the principal AFL proposals now in bill form deal with unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workmen's compensation. Following is a summary of these proposals:

JOBLESS INSURANCE

Full coverage for State and local government employees, for domestic workers and agricultural workers, and employees of non-profit organizations.

Increase of wage exemption from $3 to $6 in computing partial benefits; increase of taxable wage base from $3600 to $4200; increase of maximum weekly benefit from $30 to $50.

Provides dependency payment for wife and children of recipient; repeals waiting period if unemployment lasts over 7 days.

DISABILITY INSURANCE

Increases hospital benefits from $10 for 12 days to $15 for 15 days; increases maximum weekly benefit amount from $35 to $50; increases taxable wage base from $3000 to $4200.

Removes waiting period in disability cases if disability lasts longer than 7 days; provides pregnancy benefits for maximum of 42 days.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Increases maximum death benefit for total dependents from $8750 to $16,000, and minimum from $3000 to $5761; increases maximum weekly benefit for temporary disability from $35 to $50, permanent disability from $30 to $50; provides dependency benefits for dependent spouse and children.

The above summary covers 17 bills introduced in the Assembly, with companion bills introduced in the Senate.

Those introducing the various measures were: Democratic Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott, Los Angeles; W. Byron Rumford, Berkeley; John A. O'Connell, San Francisco; Republican Assemblymen Donald D. Doyle, Lafayette; Thomas A. Maloney, San Francisco. In the upper house companion bills were introduced by Democratic Senators Hugh M. Burns, Fresno; Harold T. Johnson, Roseville; Edwin J. Regan, Weaverville.

Legislature Asked To Help Children

There are 4,000,000 children in California, and in an average year some 63,000 of them are apprehended by law enforcement, says a 123-page report on "California Children in Detention and Shelter Care" prepared under the sponsorship of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth.

The report stresses the need for more help for the trouble-prone youngster before the trouble starts, declaring that ten dolars' worth of case-work service may avoid a hundred dollars' worth of shelter care and thousands of dollars' worth of building construction and maintenance."

The report is in the hands of the Legislature for consideration.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

IF YOU GET BORED worrying about the atom bomb, juvenile delinquency or death on the highways, it seems you can always sit down and worry about calendar reform.

We think of the calendar as a fixed thing, and it has been fixed for us, at least, ever since about 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII set it up for all Christian countries in its present form.

It hasn't satisfied a lot of people however, and so, in May of this year, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations is going to begin worrying about it in a big way.

The idea most favored, it seems, is called the "equal quarter" plan. In this plan January 1 will always fall on Sunday, and each day every year would fall on the same day of the week.

The one day left over would fall at the end of the year and be an extra holiday.

The first month of each quarter would have 31 days, the other two, 30 days each. Leap Year day would come at the end of June every fourth year and be another holiday.

It seems, if this comes to pass, all life will run more smoothly. Merchants will know just when to start their Christmas sales, schools can arrange their programs down to a split second, and even household budgeting will be easier! (That last will take some believing!)

But how about the fun we'll miss looking up the day our birthday falls on, or whether Christmas will be Sunday or Monday? How about all those minor uncertainties that help make life interesting?

And worst of all, how about depriving children of the fun of learning that ancient jingle, "Thirty days hath September?"

Ink Industry Signs Union Health Plan

A new health and welfare program for about 1000 employees of the ink industry on the Pacific Coast went into effect on January 1, it was reported here by Fred Brooks, business representative of Ink & Roller Makers Local 5 and one of the union signers of the pact.

The program offers the employees a choice of coverage with Associated Indemnity or the Kaiser Foundation and also provides coverage for the employees' families.

800 AFL BARBERS in Rhode Island gave a full day's pay to state's crippled children. Some 40 shop owners also agreed to give the Rhode Island Society for Crippled Children about 70 percent of their day's receipts.

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Steamfitters Notes, Local 342

Steamfitters Get Conference Report

By JIM MARTIN

A Health and Welfare Conference was held in Bakersfield on January 29. This meeting was well attended with over sixty employers and board of trustees, representing health and welfare plans covering the State of California. Upon request of Local 342 General President Martin P. Durkin delegated as principle speaker General Organizer William Dodd, who is attached to the general office in Washington, D. C., and who is also Chairman of the National Joint Health and Welfare Plan Committee.

Brother Dodd's address was well received and the view of the National Committee will be of great importance and also educational in future revisions of health and welfare plans in the State of California.

Also in attendance were General Organizer Archie Virtue and various administrators representing Pacific Mutual, New York Life, Blue Cross, Occidental and other welfare plans. Doctor Samuel R. Sherman presented the doctors position in welfare plans. He pointed out to the trustees that the doctors also were interested that the union membership receive the best medical care under best financial conditions and that it was very important that they receive really good quality medical care and at the same time that they have certainty of adequate coverage for major medical expenses. Doctor Sherman further stated that the doctors in the State of California were not only interested but active and had pioneered the field of health and welfare insurance, as in 1939 organized the first state-wide medically-sponsored health plan in the nation. This was done because they recognized their responsibility to their patients in helping them to budget against the "shock" costs of illness. Since that time physicians througout California have continued to take action to help improve the degree of economic protection offered by all health insurance companies.

Over one hundred million people in the United States now have the protection of one or more different kinds of health insurance policies. Also, at the last annual meeting of the California Medical Association the doctors officially pledged to do everything possible to help their patients receive greater certainty of coverage against the cost of major medical expenses.

In conclusion this union's board of trustees feel that the conference was very educational and will be a guidance in the future with reference to our own health and welfare plan.

Please check your dues book.

Miller, Allen Back Federal Court Here

A "vitally important step" toward the creation of a new Federal Court division for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties was taken last week following introduction of a joint resolution urging the new court plan in the House of Representatives by Congressman George P. Miller and Congressman John J. Allen.

If adopted, the proposal would authorize the creation of a Federal Court in Oakland to handle cases originating in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. At the present time such federal cases originating here are heard in the Federal Court in San Francisco.

MABEL LAMMON, business representative of Cannery Workers 750, is recuperating at her home following an operation at a local hospital. Mrs. Lammon is expected to resume her union activities within the next two or three weeks.

Strokes of the Brush From Local 127

Painters Mourn Brother's Death

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We regret to report the death of another one of our old timers in the Local. Brother Nick Kopka a member since 1915 passed away suddenly on January 24, 1955 due to a cerebro-vascular accident. Burial was from the Hagy Keenan mortuary in Alameda on January 26. The officers and members of this Local extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

Many different ideas expressed by the contractors in their annual meeting in Reno during last week end, where your scribe was in attendance. Most important discussions heard around the meetings and in the places of entertainment were pertaining to the renewal of agreements with labor in the various districts. What wages will be negotiated, what hours and conditions will labor demand and in some cases what will be offered, were interesting topics. Also were some minor conditions to labor but seemed like mountains to the employers hinted around with the thought of trying to determine what each side had in mind. Nothing concrete to report as yet, but all labor representatives in attendance secured some darn good ideas to work on.

Tuesday of this week again saw all the labor group in the Bay Area discussing, proposing, rejecting and approving changes to put in the new agreement. Seems no matter what is brought up the talk will continue to revolve around increases in wages. All proposed changes from all locals must be in the hands of the negotiators no later than March 1, 1955. Our Local will have only two meetings during February one on February 10, and one on February 24, so all brothers having any proposed changes in the agreement in mind should bring them up at either one of these meetings.

Work continues slow with very few placements being made by this office. Talked to quite a few of the brothers who report that they have jobs to go to as soon as the weather breaks. Outlook is good for the coming summer.

Brother Louie Arnone who suffered a very bad accident several weeks ago while working for Berthier & Gaya is confined at Alta Bates hospital. He will be there a considerable length of time and would appreciate any of the brothers dropping in and saying hello.

We are in the process of working out with a staff of competent physicians a plan whereby the dependents of our members who are covered by the welfare plan can have a preventative medicine examination at no cost to the member. Because our welfare plan does not provide for doctors calls at his office for dependents we find many of the wives and children who should have an examination reluctant to do so on account of the cost. Preventative medicine means finding and taking care of minor ailments now that may require long hospitalization and surgery if not attended to at once. More on this later.

Next meeting of the Local will be February 10, regular time and place.

LINO CHIESA, a member of Building Service Employees 18, died here on January 27 at age 38. Survivors include his widow, Angelina; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Chiesa; a daughter, Linda; and sisters, Olga Cademartori and Marie Chelucci.

JOHN MLADINICH, a member of Molders 164, passed away here on January 26 at age 64 leaving his widow, Lucretia; a son, John Laurence; and two grandchildren.



Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 4, our next meeting will be called to order for the discussion of such business as may regularly come before it. We hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Painters 127

There will be a general discussion on the Bay Area agreement at our next meeting, Thursday, February 10. Here is your chance to express your thoughts.

Fraternally.
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Recording Secretary

State Agencies Report Less Jobs

Seasonal factors were responsible for a rise in unemployment insurance claims, and a decline in factory employment in the Bay Area in December, two State agencies report.

Paul Scharrenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations, stated that "Factory employment in the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area declined seasonally in December to 175,300 wage and salary workers, down 2,400 from November.

"The decline resulted principally from losses in food products, fabricated metals, and stone, clay, and glass. Small gains were reported in the private ship repair, textile, and automobile industries.

"Total manufacturing employment was 7,300 below December 1953. Largest year-to-year losses were in the automobile, electrical equipment, private ship repair, and fruit and vegetable canning industries. The number employed in the electrical equipment industry declined to the lowest level since June 1951.

"Factory employment in the Area during 1954 averaged 4 percent below 1953."

William A. Burkett, Director of the California Department of Employment stated that "The number of Bay Area claimants for unemployment insurance continued to rise seasonally between November and December 1954. A weekly average of 27,300 workers filed for benefits in December as compared with 23,300 in November and 25,700 in December 1953.

"The usual year-end rise in unemployment was less steep in 1954 than in the last months of 1953. Bay Area claims increased by 18 percent between October and November 1954 and by 17 percent from November to December. In 1953, comparable percentage increases amounted to 47 and 34 percent, respectively.

"Claims filed by veterans of the Korean action under the Veterans' Readjustment Act of 1952 averaged 939 each week in December as compared with 892 in November and 729 in December 1953.

"Holiday hiring was brisk this December. The number of workers placed on jobs increased slightly from November despite a drop in job opportunities in many types of seasonal activities. In December 1954, employment was found for 40 percent more of the applicants in Bay Area local offices than in December of the previous year."

GEORGE T. UNSWORTH, a member of Electricians 595, died in Alameda January 21 at age 56 leaving his son, Paul A.; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Mazzini; a brother, K. Unsworth; a sister, Mrs. J. George Costello; and five grandchildren.

AFL Should Survey State Taxes, Urge Reform, Says Rust

Ben Rust of Richmond, president of the State Federation of Teachers, is circulating among Contra Costa labor unions a statement in which he points out that in California "we are raising more than 60% of our total State budget tax fund through sales taxes," and that "those who have read Governor Knights' proposals to the Legislature will recognize that he proposes to pour it on to the poorer people even more . . . Governor Knight has decided that this is the best way to raise revenues."

Rust cites the long fight that the American Federation of Labor has made against sales taxes, on the ground that they hit hardest the group least able to pay. But, he argues, labor must be more positive in its approach to the problem, not just negatively oppose sales taxes.

Says Rust:

"While labor has been opposing various sales taxes on State levels with some success, labor has not yet presented a comprehensive proportionate tax plan to the State government as an adequate substitute. No group has had the courage, including the teachers, to do so thus far.

"But it is inevitable that we must soon either apply ourselves to this end or expect sales taxes to increase even more. It is time that we tackled the fundamentals of the entire position. It is time that we analyze the entire tax structure completely anew in terms of ability to pay . . .

"It is only just that this be done, and there hardly is a more interested homogenous group in the U. S. than the American Federation of Labor. Thus far our program has been too negative in the States. We must positivize it by advocating a complete and comprehensive revision of the income and corporation tax."

"Unless this is done there will be no honest attempt to solve our financial problems of education, for the tax associations are correct when they say that too great a burden has been put on local government, and the labor groups are correct when they say that sales taxes throw too great a burden upon the low income groups."

HERBERT ARTHUR GOLDEN a member of Steamfitters 342, passed away in Berkeley on January 24 at age 70 leaving his widow, Rose May; seven sons and daughters including Mrs. Fay Dingwall, Mrs. Josephine White, Mrs. Shirley Pearson, Lynn Adamson, Don, Jack, and Jesse; brothers, George B. Hosea and Ray and John Golden; 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Watchmakers Union Local 101

Watchhm'kers Help Return 2 to Jobs

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Those of you who were in attendance at the last regular meeting will remember Brother Chicka speaking on the Carbone case and being appointed a committee of one to visit John Carbone whom we are picketing in Burlingame.

We have had a report from Brother Chicka to the effect that he did visit Carbone and he found out that he was unable to do any better in this matter than the union officials have done up until the present time.

Those at the last regular meeting also knew that we were having a meeting of Granat's Shop to discuss a discharge problem over two members of the union. The outcome of the problem has been worked out satisfactorily and the two members are returning to work on February 7.

The union can be very proud of the decision reached by the Granat group, inasmuch as it showed a unity of purpose and willingness to sacrifice individual choice of vacations so that all the watchmakers could remain on the payroll.

It is not easy for a worker to say that he will take his vacation at this time of the year. I personally feel they have made a choice that was not easy to make and that their decision is to be commended, as their decision was to start taking vacations at this time in order to keep all their fellow workers employed.

Bill Seeks Interest Rate Cut on Vet Loans

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—A bill to reduce the interest rate on veterans' home loans from 4½ to 4 percent has been reintroduced in the new Congress by Rep. Albert Rains (D., Ala.). The maximum FHA rate on sales housing would be reduced from 6 to 4½ percent under the bill.

Rains pointed out that the higher rates were put into effect as part of the Administration's hard money policy without consulting Congress.

"Although now abandoned as a failure, the Eisenhower Administration hard money policy continues to exact a heavy tribute from our veterans," said Rains. "On a typical $10,000 VA guaranteed loan financed over a 25-year period, the additional one-half of 1 percent rate has increased interest payments $33 a year—a total of $840 for the period.

"The veteran would be far better off if he could have used this $840 for the construction of an additional bedroom on his house."

SCHOOLROOM SELLING of group insurance plans to students cannot be authorized by school districts, Attorney General Edmund G. Brown has ruled.

VICTOR S. SWANSON, business representative of Operating Engineers 3, has been elected president of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, of which he has been a member for 8 years.

Dressing Room Chatter

Theatrical Union Nominations Set

By JOE CONNELLY

All members are notified that nominations for elective offices will be held at the meeting of February 9, 1955 at 10 a.m. An election for any contested offices will be held February 17, 1955. The polls will remain open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The results of the election will be formally announced at the meeting of February 17, which is scheduled to be called to order at 11:30 p.m.

Members who are nominated for office must have been paid-up and in good standing for at least one year, and no member may be nominated if they are not in attedance, unless they have filed their written consent to be a candidate, which shall be read at the meeting prior to the nominations by the secretary.

Up and down the aisle . . . **Margaret Jamison** formerly of the Fox-Oakland and the Laurel, replacing **Mathilda Ketley** in the Parkway box-office . . . **Velma Grimes** is the new member of the T & D floor staff . . . **Charlie Moorehead**, former manager of the now defunct State Theater in Richmond is now with Broadway Roadshow Productions in S. F. . . . **Joe Novitsky**, former manager of the now extinct Esquire, and later of the El Cerrito Motor Movies leaving his post with Telemanagement, at the Telenews in the city across the bay . . . **Kitty Rhodes**, formerly of the T & D now at the Roxie . . . **Frank Arroyo** of the T & D, changing his mind about resigning . . . **John Cunningham** has replaced **Bill Tannehill** at the Chimes as a student manager, under Berkeley city manager **Bob Apple** . . . **Marian Holden** moving from the Campus to the Central . . . **Mary Haydon, Lux** cashier, handing in her notice preparatory to moving to Oregon . . . **Charlotte Avery**, quitting Granada . . . The fellow who robbed the T & D, October 1, recently got 5 years to life in San Quentin . . . Plans in the mixer for a new auto race track with expectations of seating 25,000 . . . **"Chuck" Marquardt**, former manager of the Globe here and later resident manager of Cinerama in S. F. is now at the Bridge Theater in that foggy city . . . **Clarence Boyd**, moving from the door to the assistant manager berth at the U. A. in Berkeley . . . To one who signs himself (and we're pretty sure it was she): Thank you for your comments on the column last week, but as we pointed out it actually was not a violation of the union agreement.

VIOLA E. ACEDO, a member of Carmen's Division 192, died here on January 28 at age 38 leaving her widower, L. Gil; her father, Harry E. Reaume; daughters, Yvonne, Jill, Sandra and Inez; and a sister, Mrs. Vera Mae Derby.

JOSEPH J. CHRISTIAN is the new executive secretary of the Los Angeles Building and Construction Trades Council. He was elected unanimously to succeed Leo A. Vie, who resigned to accept an appointment by Governor Knight as State Industrial Accident Commissioner.

Labor Is Watching 5 Water Disputes

When the Legislature reconvenes February 28 for its down-to-business session, organized labor will have many issues connected with the development of water resources to watch.

Some of these are entangled with Federal matters, and since both the State and Federal Republican Administrations are believed by labor to be strong for private interests rather than the public interest in the handling of resources, many maneuvers difficult to follow but important to defeat are anticipated.

Following are some of the problems:

1—Feather River Project. State engineers will turn in a report on this proposed billion and a half dollars plan for transporting Northern California waters down for use as far south as the Mexican border.

2—Trinity River Diversion and San Luis Unit of Central Valley Project. Backers of the State's proposed Feather River Project claim these Federal projects might interfere with the State's Feather River Project.

3—"County of Origin" Problem. Water code sections have been held to mean that the counties in which streams originate could move to stop the water in those streams being used in Central Valley Project; in other words, legally they could shut off the water supply for the great Federal project at its source.

4—Water Resources Department. Setting up of such a new department to coordinate all State water activities is proposed in several bills. This issue is complicated by the fact that big farmers and private power interests are trying to exclude Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown from handling the State's legal business for the new department.

5—"River Basin Authorities" to develop and distribute water and power are also being proposed.

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Labor Publisher Starts 'Democrat'

No. 1 issue of California Democrat, published "to advance the aims and principles of the Democratic Party," has come to the desk of East Bay Labor Journal.

The lively little paper is published by Carl C. Guiott, well know in labor circles as publisher of the Redwood Empire Labor Journal, and the California Lumber Worker.

E. V. Griffith is editor, and the office is located at 625 Fifth street, Eureka. Subscription price is $1 per year, says the editor, whether it remains a monthly or becomes a semi-monthly.

One item in the first issue is: "The Ins and Outs of Getting to Be Postmaster at Oakland, Calif.: It has been announced that an old buddy of Ike's, Col. C. Herrick, will be the new postmaster at Oakland. He and the President were at West Point together."

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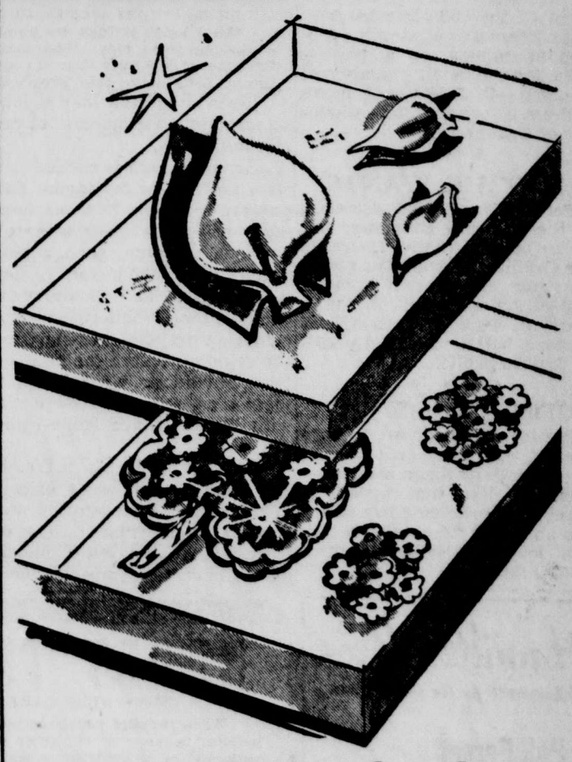
Workers must contribute to the State Disability Fund 1% of the first $3000 earned in a year. If a worker has had more than one employer during the year, and earned more than $3000 in these combined jobs, he will have paid more than $30 into the fund, and is entitled to a refund of all he's paid in above that $30.

STANLEY GEORGE RODRIGUES, a member of Bakery Wagon Drivers 432, died here on January 30 at age 26. Survivors include his widow, Betty Jane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues; daughters, Mary Jane and Donna; a son, Paul; brothers, William Paul, Fermino J; and a sister, Mrs. Marie P. Gomes.

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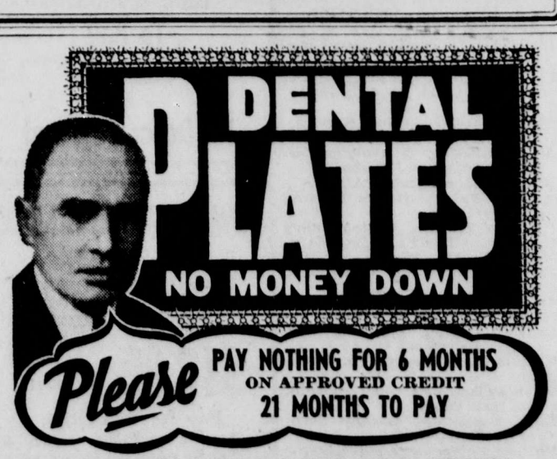
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OPINIONS

BEN RUST: TAXES

Editor, Labor Journal:

Your timely editorial about taxes in the January 21 issue of East Bay Labor Journal was needed now that it is clear that labor is in for another offensive in behalf of the sales tax.

Unless these issues are made clear, labor is liable to lose many of its hard won economic gains in the form of tax increases.

It so happens that I have just completed a rather extensive paper on the subject, written for dissemination in my own Contra Costa Labor Council.

I enjoy the significant contribution you are making to labor. Last year at the Workers Education Conference in Los Angeles an individual, whose name I am not at liberty to divulge because the statement was off the cuff, remarked that East Bay Labor Journal is the most significant piece of labor journalism in California. He was a man who is in a position to judge, as he takes many labor journals . . .

Fraternally,
BEN RUST

Richmond, Jan. 25

(Editor's Note: President Rust of the State Federation of Teachers is the author of a recent pamphlet, "The Master Teacher and His Craft," of which notice has been taken by the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor.)

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PRINTING WEEK

Editor, Labor Journal:

Please accept the thanks of the Printing Week Committee of the East Bay for your wholehearted support in publicizing our activities during this year's Printing Week, which is held during the birthday of Benjamin Franklin and whose objectives are to publicize the printing industry in this area and to make the general public more familiar with the facilities of our industry.

Your cooperation was appreciated.

Sincerely,
FRED BROOKS
Chairman

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'NEHRU'S POSE'

Nehru's pose of utter rectitude is the hoax of the century. His chief assistant in his own state and in the United Nations is one Krishna Mennon, as hypocritical and malicious a nasty as was ever produced by a Stalin or Hitler. Nehru and Mennon have saddled their country with functionaries whose provincialism, ignorance and bigotry are matched only by their hatred of the United States.—AFL Hat Worker.

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FIRST PRINCIPLE

The first basic principle or prerequisite to mature relations is full acceptance by management of the collective bargaining process and of strong, functioning unions as a positive force for the better operation of business.—C. J. Haggerty in his address before the State Chamber of Commerce.

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WHAT HE WANTS

Personally we find Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey one of the most attractive figures in the Cabinet. He knows just what he wants. He wants a balanced budget. Ike may want an "Asian Marshall Plan. But Humphrey wants a balanced budget.—TRB in New Republic.

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'DIDN'T KNOW'

President Eisenhower's support of the campaign tactics of Vice President Nixon sounds remarkably like the classic explanation of the man in a shooting accident: "I didn't know it was loaded."—Willard Shelton in CIO News.

EDITORIALS

Oakland Schools Need Money, Board's Labor Member Says

John J. King of the International Association of Machinists, member of the Oakland Board of Education, said at the January 25 meeting of the board that any available power to tax possessed by the Oakland School District should be used to the full, since "we have the responsibility of meeting the city's school needs."

The board of course has the responsibility to do what it can, but the citizens of Oakland have twice failed to give the required two-thirds majority for badly needed bond issues to replace dangerous, dilapidated, or downright condemned school buildings. So it's up to the citizens, especially labor citizens whose children constitute so large a proportion of the school population, to think about their own responsibilities as well as those of the Board of Education.

Money for school operations as distinguished from school construction comes, averaging off Alameda county as a whole including Oakland and the other large communities, from the following sources: 58% from the State, 42% from local taxation. In Oakland itself, money for school operations as distinguished from school construction comes from local taxation about 49%, State 47%, Federal 3%, miscellaneous 1%.

Because there is a pretty fair amount of taxable industrial and commercial property in Oakland, and not a mere cluster of residential property with practically no business property, the school tax rate in Oakland is not nearly so high as it is in some communities in the county. The Oakland school tax rate is $2.256 per $100 of assessed valuation, whereas one of the newer communities in the southern part of the county has a school tax rate of $4.286 per $100 of assessed valuation.

Fact is, there are only 4 school districts in the county which have a lower school tax rate than Oakland. One of these is Emeryville, notorious throughout the State as almost purely industrial property, an aggregation of factories without much residential property; so in Emeryville the big tax base has relatively little school drain upon it. The other three districts in the county which have a lower school tax rate than Oakland are very small: May, Sunol, Glen, and Mountain House.

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We have been citing figures on money for operations of the school plant. But when it comes to constructing and renovating the school plant, either the local community has to bond itself, or adopt special taxes for construction, or borrow construction money from the State.

Oakland can't borrow building money from the State because Oakland hasn't done its part in already bonding itself for schools. We'd have to bond for schools in excess of $50 millions more before we'd be eligible in this city for a building loan from the State.

The moral is plain, the implication is obvious, the signal is clear. Since the Oakland school tax rate is not high, and the community is not school bonded to anywhere near capacity and since our school plant is rapidly dilapidating, and since our school population is increasing at a great rate, and since we of organized labor are and always have been passionate believers in the importance of the American school system, it is up to us to work mightily for the adoption of school bonds the next time they come up.

The Oakland Board of Education is putting out a pamphlet on the needs of the school system which should be carefully studied. It's time we adults went to civic school ourselves, and faced our plain responsibilities.

Automation and Auto-Intoxication

Automation is a new word. It was coined by engineers of the Ford Motor Company. It means something more than mechanization, more than the introduction of new or improved machines. The essence of automation is that electronic controls run the machines, replacing human hands and brains. In the first industrial revolution mechanical power replaced human or animal-power, machines replaced hand tools. But always a human mind and human hands ran the machines. In automation the electronic brain takes over. It runs the machines. The human element is pushed back a huge step further—limited to a handful of engineers or technicians watching a panel of electrical indicators. That's why automation is called a new industrial revolution.

We have borrowed in somewhat shortened form this definition of automation from the Machinists Monthly Magazine.

Even before automation began, increase of mechanization was taking its toll of jobs away from human hands in increasing amount. Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, said recently at the Building Trades Council meeting, the recent optimistic statements of business leaders that increasing mechanization of industry was creating more jobs seemed to him off the beam. He added:

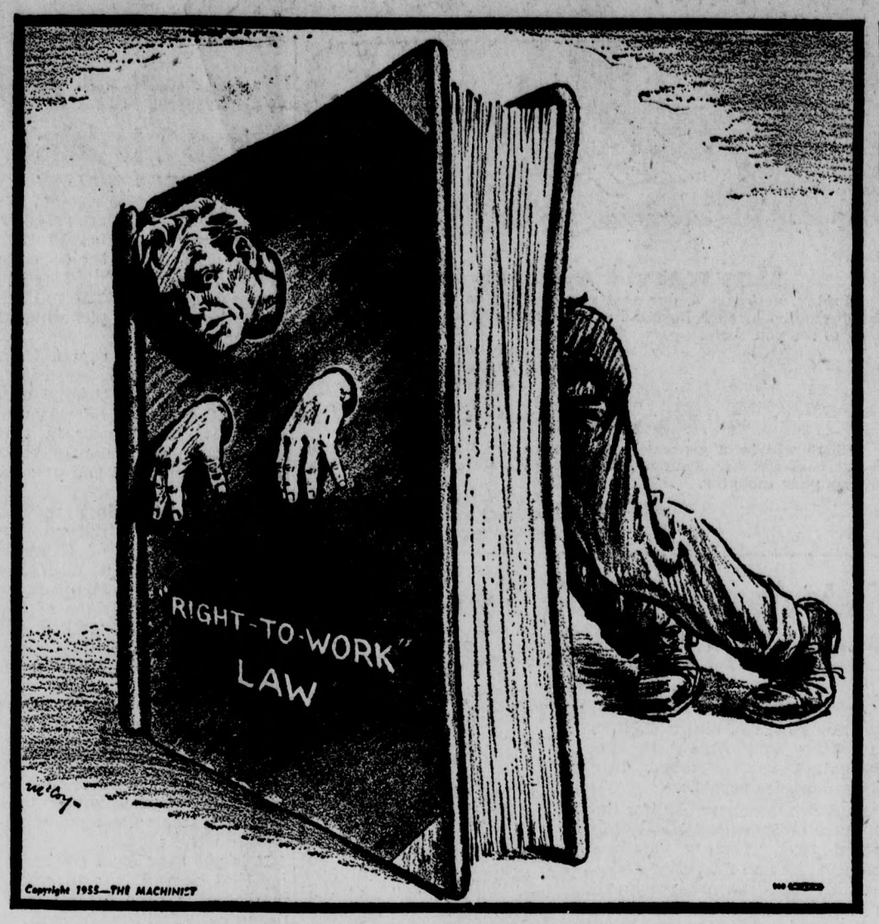
"All I know is that my union has more than 700 men out of work—hundreds more than last year. Maybe we'd better start thinking of a 6-hour day. It's got to come if this 'progress' continues. Let's make this 'progress' work for the working people."

Jones suggested that organized labor might sponsor some research into the increase of productivity caused by increasing mechanization.

Such research is needed, and the results of it publicized, to stem the tide of buncombe that's rolling in from business organizations about how mechanization and automation are going to bring in a brave new world.

Such research, such publicity is needed, it can be seen at once, when the history of the Big Business Befuddled Brains is considered. They're always keen on replacing men with machinery, then wondering why goods can't be sold when those men have no jobs, then shouting that labor unions have ruined the country. Before the poor dears get auto-intoxicated again, labor should do what it can to explain to them that as yet there's no automatic device that will grind out prosperity with no assistance from—human brains.

CHARLES P. SCULLY, State Federation of Labor general counsel, will file a brief with the State Supreme Court in the Cutter Laboratories case in which Doris Walker was fired as a Communist despite certain clauses in the union contract. Good! It's not Communists, and not that particular union, Scully defends, but union contractual relations.



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The full list of officers, trustees, and delegates declared elected this week will be found in another column.

Bay Area Fair Set For City of Hope

The first Bay Area Town Fair—a co-operative labor-management project to benefit the City of Hope at Duarte—will be held February 25 through 28 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1290 Sutter St., San Francisco.

New merchandise ranging from women's wearing apparel to electrical appliances will be on sale at reduced prices. Proceeds will be used to assist in maintenance and operating of the national labor supported, non-profit, non-secterian medical center in its treatment of cancer, tuberculosis and heart ailments.

On opening day, Fair hours will be 6 p.m. to midnight. During the other three days, from 10 a.m. to midnight.

General admission will be 10 cents.

AFL Radio News On KGO Nightly

For the lowdown on the news behind the news listen in nightly, Monday through Friday, to the AFL's 15-minute radio news program on Station KGO (810 on the dial) at 7 p.m.

Edward P. Morgan, noted news analyst, is the commentator for the national AFL show.

Heinrichs Is Heard In School for Deaf

Roy W. Heinrichs, secretary-treasurer of East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council, found an attentive group of more than 100 craft students "listening" to him Monday afternoon when he expounded on the subject of unionism at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley.

Heinrichs, invited as a guest speaker, reported that he got his ideas across only because he had the capable interpreting assistance of the wife of School Superintendent Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson.

The school, located at 2601 Warring Street, teaches its students skills in various crafts. Among other things, the school offers its students contact with the outside world by inviting prominent people in various fields to give lectures at the school.

Other prominent labor leaders who have appeared as guests at the school in the past are C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor; and Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Flanagan Sees Good Year Ahead for Jobs

Dan Flanagan, western director of the AFL, sees a brighter future for California workers.

"The past year," he stated, "has been a fairly good one for organized labor in California, and the outlook for the new year ahead in the way of jobs, organization, and wages continues on the good side."

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AFL News Service Brief Dispatches

TARIFF-CUTTING POWERS should be granted to the President, and a liberalized trade program adopted, with adequate safeguards for the American worker, the AFL has advised the House Ways & Means Committee.

MILLIONAIRES' Amendment to clamp a 25% limit on income taxes is being reframed to make it more palatable by suggesting that the limit could be 35% for the poor rich men.

"KING" JOE RYAN, former president of the AFL-expelled International Longshoremen's Association, has been found guilty of accepting gratuities from employers. Possible penalty: one year in prison, $10,000 fine on each of three counts.

INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT expected this winter, AFL Executive Council meeting in Miami feels; need for expanding economy great.

"OIL FOR EDUCATION Bill" agitation revived by liberals in Congress by Administration's admission that sale of offshore oil leases and royalties will yield $6 billion in next few years.

CASH PAYCHECKS FREE, says Illinois labor, asking legislation to make employers provide check cashing facilities.

REHABILITATION of disabled workers so they can "earn decent living in dignity and independence" is new concept of workmen's compensation pressed by AFL.

Oakland Now Capital Of Trucking Combine

Of special interest to local AFL teamsters is the recent Chamber of Commerce announcement that Oakland has become the capital of America's second largest trucking group following the consolidation of operations by Pacific Intermountain Express, West Coast Fast Freight and System Tank Lines.

Registration Deadlines For Cities' Voters

If you're not on the Great Register of Voters—and if you failed to vote in both the primary and general elections of 1954, your name has been removed — then here are the deadlines for East Bay City elections this spring:

Berkeley deadline: You must register by February 10 in order to vote in the April 2 election.

Oakland deadline: You must register by February 24 in order to vote in the April 19 primary election.

Won't be any deputy registrars around; have to register either at your City Hall or the County Courthouse.

L. A. Liberal Daily Sold 'Hurriedly'

Labor's Daily in a special dispatch from Los Angeles says that the receiver of the bankrupt Los Angeles Daily News, in a preliminary report filed in Federal Court, indicated:

1—The Daily News was sold "hurriedly";

2—If it had been sold as a "completely packaged deal and as a going concern" it would have brought a sum in excess of $1,000,000 instead of the $275,000 the paper's publisher, Clinton D. McKinnon, received from the open shop Times-Mirror Corporation for the paper's name, features, circulation lists, and library;

3—The paper was well on its way to solvency when it was sold.

The receiver, George T. Goggin, blamed the difficulties of the paper, which was the only liberal, Democratic paper in Los Angeles, on "under-financing and lack of good management" prior to 1954, when McKinnon took it over.

McKinnon in a statement recently published by East Bay Labor Journal claimed that he was forced to sell the paper to Chandler, owner of the Times-Mirror and arch-enemy of labor, because organized labor in Los Angeles failed to dig up the 50,000 subscribers it had pledged, and because certain Democrats forgot their promises to help the paper financially.

Employees of the defunct paper received only their last wages dues. Payment of money due for accumulated vacation time, dismissal and severance pay, will be decided by the bankruptcy court.

Coast Pressmen Plan Meeting Here Feb. 6

Pressmen International Vice-President Walter J. Turner will be the principal guest at a conference of secretaries of all commercial unions on the Pacific Coast which will meet here on Sunday, February 6, for the purpose of discussing offset problems as they effect their unions.

The conference, called by Pressmen 125, will be held at the Local's headquarters, 610 - 16th Street, it was announced here by Fred Brooks, Local 125 business representative.

Smog In London Is Fed By Coal Fire, Says Steamfitter

Herbert A. Perry, Steamfitters 342, in England on a scholarship with the London School of Economics, writes that the blizzard, rain, sleet, and huge cloud of smog which got a good deal of publicity in the American papers was really tough.

"Every house has a fireplace in almost every room," he writes, and on a cold day the smoke pouring out of these chimney pots combines with the industrial smoke and exhaust from motor vehicles to form a smog so heavy you can taste it and feel the grit in the air."

The lack of central heating in the newer houses puzzles Perry; in most of these houses they still have the small fireplace in each room. He finds that the cost of central heating might be almost prohibitive, but that also "the attitude of the average Britisher who will say that he would prefer his fireplace, and so does not put any pressure on the builders to install such systems in the new house."

Also, they say they don't want showers, so there's none of them in the new homes, either. The water tank for the toilet is next to the ceiling even in the new houses, and "it is quite a shock to see this old-fashioned plumbing in a new house," and to observe that kitchen drainboards are still wood for the most part.

Perry notes that while the English workers will say they prefer these things, better fixtures and plumbing are found in the homes of the wealthy, "but the costs for these modern amenities are prohibitive for the average British working man."

Younger householders, however, are taking to the American style of home comforts, says Perry, partly because they meet Americans and Canadians who criticize the oldfashioned stuff, and partly because the workers' purchasing power is rising and credit buying is increasing.

Armored Car Strike

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John Martin, tile, San Leandro
Howden Tile Co., Oakland
Charles Conkel, sprinkler systems, Livermore
William Clark Electric Co., Pleasanton
Western Interiors Venetian Blind Co., San Pablo
E. A. Ferracone, exterior decorator, Oakland
DuPont de Nemours, paint, South San Francisco
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